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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/593,724	Applicant(s) YAJIMA ET AL.	
	Examiner David Phantana-angkool	Art Unit 2175	

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 February 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the following communications: RCE filed on February 9th, 2009.
2. Claims 14-17 are pending claims.
3. Applicants added claims 14-17.
4. Applicants canceled claims 1-13.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

5. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 02/09/2009 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. **The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:**

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. **Claims 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Arend et al., US PG PUB# 2004/0230914 A1 (hereinafter Arend).**

As for independent claim 14:

Arend shows a guidance display device, comprising:

- *a first display region in which to display contents (Fig. 2# 204);*

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- *a second display region other than said first display region (Fig. 2# 206);*
- *a guidance contents holding unit configured to hold first guidance display contents and second guidance display contents, the first guidance display contents corresponding to said first display region on a one-to-one basis and indicating processing for operating contents displayed in said first display region (Arend shows indicating processing for operating contents displayed in said first display region in Fig. 1# 212, 214 and 216), and the second guidance display contents corresponding to said second display region on a one-to-one basis and indicating processing for operating contents displayed in said second display region (0032, 0039; Arend shows indicating processing for operating contents displayed in said second display region in Fig. 1# 220);*
- *a guidance synthesis unit configured to synthesize the first guidance display contents and the second guidance display contents; and a display unit configured to display, on a screen, the contents displayed in said first and said second display regions and guidance contents synthesized by said guidance synthesis unit (0037 and 0039).*

As for dependent claim 15:

Arend shows the guidance display device according to Claim 14, further comprising:

- *a judging unit; and a third display region including said first display region and said second display region, wherein said guidance contents holding unit is configured to hold third guidance display contents corresponding to said third display region on a one-to-one basis and indicating processing for operating contents displayed in said third display region, said judging unit is configured to judge whether or not the contents displayed in said first or said second display region are to be operated (Fig. 2# 208, Para. 0040);*
- *said synthesis unit is configured to synthesize the first guidance display contents and the third guidance display contents when the contents displayed in said first display region are judged to be operated (0040 and 0041).*

As for dependent claim 16:

Arend shows the guidance display device according to Claim 14, wherein when change in display contents on the screen causes change in the number of display regions, guidance display contents

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corresponding to a plurality of display regions after the change are synthesized, respectively, according to the change in the display contents on the screen (see corresponding function in 0044).

As for independent claim 17:

Claim 17 contains substantial similar subject matter as claimed in claims 14, and is respectfully rejected along the same rationale.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 14-17 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Phantana-angkool whose telephone number is 571-272-2673. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:00-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Bashore can be reached on 571-272-4088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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